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2012 Kansas Wheat Production Up 38 Percent from Year Earlier

Wheat production was 382.2 million bushels, up 38 percent from 2011. Yield was estimated at 42 bushels per acre, 7 bushels above the previous year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 9.1 million, up 15 percent from 2011. A total of 9.5 million acres were planted to wheat in the fall of 2011, 8 percent above the previous year.

Wheat seeding began the second week of September 2011 and was ahead of average by mid-October. By November 6, 99 percent of the crop had been seeded. Wheat emergence was ahead of average by mid-October and continued that way the next six weeks, and by November 27 was 97 percent emerged. At that time wheat condition was rated 47 percent good to excellent, 40 percent fair and 13 percent poor to very poor, compared to only 37 percent good to excellent a year earlier. Topsoil moisture conditions showed improvement throughout the wheat planting season and by late November was 56 percent adequate to surplus and only 44 percent very short to short.

Most of the State received much needed moisture during December. The western half of Kansas received snow with amounts over a foot in some areas. January was unusually warm, dry and windy causing soil moisture and winter wheat condition to decline. Most of the state received moisture in varying amounts during February. Wheat condition improved slightly due to mild temperatures and the much needed precipitation. The condition of the crop was rated 52 percent good to excellent by the end of February compared to 25 percent last year. By February 26, topsoil moisture was rated 64 percent adequate to surplus, compared to 57 percent a year earlier. Wheat started breaking dormancy in late February due to unseasonably warm temperatures across Kansas. The first three weeks of March were windy and temperatures were above normal with several areas setting new record highs. The warm weather helped the wheat crop to grow quickly, reaching 61 percent jointed by the end of March compared to 21 percent for the 5 year average.

Record temperatures continued into April and caused the wheat crop to develop three weeks ahead of average. The crop started heading the second week of April and was 74 percent headed by April 29, well ahead of the 5 year average of 7 percent. Widespread rain the second week of April again improved both wheat condition and soil moisture ratings. Topsoil moisture in the adequate to surplus rating was 79 percent by the end of April compared to 58 percent a year earlier. The crop's condition was rated 62 percent good to excellent

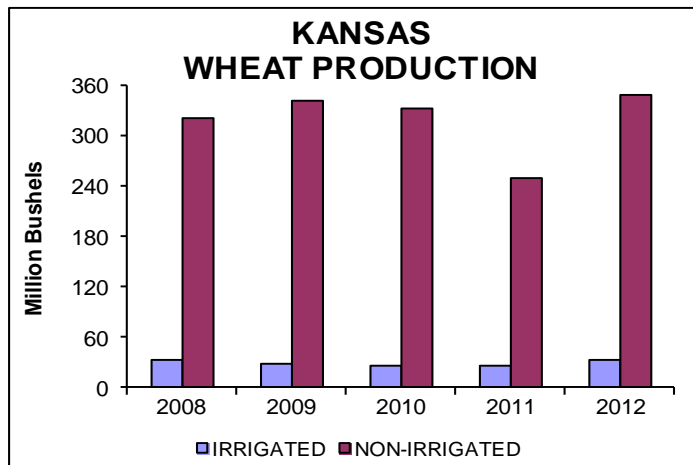
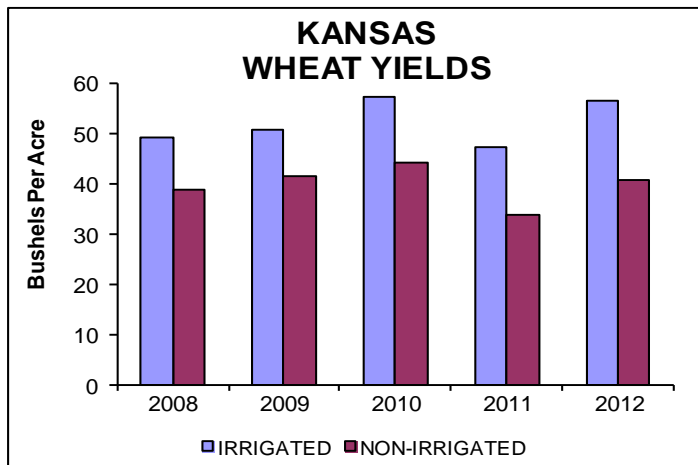
by the end of April compared to 21 percent last year. Temperatures in Kansas during May were above normal and even record breaking at some locations. May 2012 ranks as the third warmest on record for Kansas, with the warmest occurring in 1962. Most of the State received very little precipitation during the month. Preliminary statewide average precipitation for May was 1.1 inches, which is only 26 percent of normal, and ranks 2012 as the second driest May since 1895. Topsoil moisture ratings declined through the month and then went up slightly due to scattered showers at the end of the month. On June 3 topsoil moisture was rated only 35 percent adequate to surplus compared to 63 percent adequate to surplus a year earlier.

The wheat crop continued to progress two to three weeks ahead of normal as harvest began in southern Kansas the week of May 20. This harvest is the earliest on record with the second earliest in 1962 when 1 percent was harvested the week ending June 2. Harvest was 20 percent complete by June 3 with at least some wheat harvested in all districts. The crop was 62 percent mature by June 3 compared to 8 percent a year earlier and the 5-year average of 2 percent. Hot, windy conditions continued into June as temperatures were above normal the entire month. Statewide showers the second week of June only delayed harvest slightly as 80 percent of the crop was harvested by June 17 compared to the 5 year average of 7 percent. Harvest was 99 percent complete by July 1.

County Production: Sumner County was the top producing county in the State with 17.9 million bushels. McPherson County was the second leading producer with 11.3 million bushels, followed by Reno County with 10.8 million bushels, Harper County with 9.1 million bushels, and Sedgwick County with 8.8 million bushels.

County Harvested Acreage: Sumner County led harvested acres with 375,500 total acres. Reno County was second with 246,000 total acres harvested. McPherson County was third with 225,600 acres, followed by Harper County at 225,000 and Kingman County with 191,500 acres.

County Yields: Crawford County had the highest average yield with 61.6 bushels per acre breaking the record 50.0 bushels per acre set in 2003 and 1997. Miami County had the second highest average yield with 59.6 bushels per acre. Wilson County had the third highest average yield with 57.9 bushels per acre.



All Wheat

County and District	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested for Grain	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels
Cheyenne	118,000	115,000	57.0	6,560,000
Decatur	110,000	104,000	49.8	5,175,000
Graham	84,500	81,500	42.5	3,460,000
Norton	90,500	87,000	45.6	3,965,000
Rawlins	131,500	127,000	51.5	6,545,000
Sheridan	93,500	87,500	45.6	3,990,000
Sherman	158,000	153,000	44.3	6,780,000
Thomas	184,000	174,500	49.1	8,565,000
Northwest	970,000	929,500	48.5	45,040,000
Gove	111,000	108,500	50.4	5,470,000
Greeley	187,000	182,500	34.2	6,250,000
Lane	118,000	111,500	28.3	3,160,000
Logan	140,500	135,500	46.5	6,300,000
Ness	131,500	124,000	30.5	3,785,000
Scott	146,000	140,500	30.0	4,210,000
Wichita	158,000	154,000	43.4	6,685,000
Other Counties ¹	193,000	183,500	37.3	6,840,000
West Central	1,185,000	1,140,000	37.5	42,700,000
Clark	74,000	60,000	24.8	1,490,000
Finney	192,000	179,500	29.1	5,225,000
Ford	193,000	182,000	37.7	6,865,000
Grant	110,000	104,000	31.6	3,290,000
Gray	140,000	132,000	33.5	4,420,000
Hamilton	138,500	131,500	27.7	3,645,000
Haskell	120,500	113,500	29.9	3,390,000
Hodgeman	115,500	108,000	32.4	3,495,000
Kearny	126,000	121,000	33.3	4,025,000
Meade	92,500	85,000	35.8	3,040,000
Morton	109,000	99,000	27.2	2,690,000
Seward	66,500	60,000	34.8	2,085,000
Stanton	118,500	114,500	40.8	4,675,000
Stevens	94,000	90,000	32.6	2,935,000
Southwest	1,690,000	1,580,000	32.4	51,270,000
Clay	78,800	76,500	46.4	3,550,000
Cloud	110,400	107,500	46.1	4,960,000
Jewell	122,800	119,500	46.9	5,605,000
Mitchell	156,600	152,000	47.2	7,175,000
Osborne	119,100	115,000	44.6	5,125,000
Ottawa	110,800	105,000	41.6	4,365,000
Phillips	85,500	82,000	42.4	3,475,000
Republic	78,000	76,000	45.3	3,440,000
Rooks	91,000	85,500	36.4	3,115,000
Smith	119,000	115,500	44.8	5,170,000
Washington	73,000	70,500	44.5	3,140,000
North Central	1,145,000	1,105,000	44.5	49,120,000
Barton	168,400	162,000	32.6	5,284,000
Dickinson	147,900	144,000	49.8	7,166,000
Ellis	101,600	97,000	36.0	3,490,000
Ellsworth	87,000	84,500	41.3	3,490,000
Lincoln	99,500	95,500	43.6	4,160,000
McPherson	231,200	225,600	50.0	11,270,000
Marion	138,500	133,000	48.8	6,495,000
Rice	176,300	172,000	50.2	8,635,000
Rush	112,000	109,500	34.3	3,755,000
Russell	74,000	70,900	42.2	2,990,000
Saline	133,600	130,500	45.1	5,880,000
Central	1,470,000	1,424,500	44.0	62,615,000

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County and District	Acres Planted for All Purposes	Acres Harvested for Grain	Yield, Bushels per Acre	Production, Bushels
Barber	129,000	117,000	39.9	4,665,000
Edwards	114,000	108,000	43.4	4,690,000
Harper	243,500	225,000	40.3	9,070,000
Harvey	119,500	116,500	54.1	6,305,000
Kingman	199,500	191,500	39.7	7,610,000
Kiowa	77,500	75,000	31.6	2,370,000
Pawnee	148,500	144,000	37.1	5,340,000
Pratt	173,000	169,000	44.2	7,465,000
Reno	253,000	246,000	43.9	10,800,000
Sedgwick	189,000	182,500	48.4	8,830,000
Sumner	387,500	375,500	47.7	17,930,000
Other Counties ¹	226,000	215,000	36.8	7,915,000
South Central	2,260,000	2,165,000	43.0	92,990,000
 Brown	 3,900	 3,800	 52.1	 198,000
Jackson	4,400	4,200	44.8	188,000
Jefferson	3,000	2,600	48.1	125,000
Leavenworth	3,600	3,500	36.6	128,000
Marshall	53,000	51,500	45.2	2,326,000
Nemaha	12,100	11,500	46.5	535,000
Pottawatomie	6,500	6,300	40.3	254,000
Riley	20,000	19,200	43.2	830,000
Other Counties ¹	3,500	3,400	40.0	136,000
Northeast	110,000	106,000	44.5	4,720,000
 Anderson	 20,000	 19,800	 57.1	 1,130,000
Chase	11,900	11,600	51.3	595,000
Coffey	21,000	20,200	51.0	1,030,000
Douglas	6,200	6,100	42.6	260,000
Franklin	16,500	16,100	55.3	890,000
Geary	12,400	12,300	41.9	515,000
Johnson	3,700	3,500	57.1	200,000
Linn	12,500	11,600	47.4	550,000
Lyon	21,500	21,000	45.5	955,000
Miami	7,900	7,800	59.6	465,000
Morris	34,000	33,500	40.6	1,360,000
Osage	11,300	10,600	46.2	490,000
Shawnee	5,400	5,300	39.6	210,000
Wabaunsee	5,700	5,600	42.0	235,000
East Central	190,000	185,000	48.0	8,885,000
 Bourbon	 9,600	 9,100	 54.9	 500,000
Butler	53,500	52,000	50.9	2,645,000
Chautauqua	5,000	4,600	45.7	210,000
Cherokee	68,500	67,000	51.6	3,460,000
Cowley	88,000	84,300	49.9	4,205,000
Crawford	33,000	32,000	61.6	1,970,000
Elk	5,800	5,700	36.0	205,000
Labette	52,000	50,500	57.7	2,915,000
Montgomery	40,500	39,000	54.9	2,140,000
Neosho	34,500	33,800	55.5	1,875,000
Wilson	43,500	42,500	57.9	2,460,000
Woodson	15,000	14,700	52.0	765,000
Other Counties ¹	31,100	29,800	50.7	1,510,000
Southeast	480,000	465,000	53.5	24,860,000
 STATE	 9,500,000	 9,100,000	 42.0	 382,200,000

¹ Some counties are not published due to insufficient or confidential data.

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Irrigated and Non-Irrigated Wheat ¹

County and District	Irrigated				Non-Irrigated			
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Decatur	1,000	1,000	48.0	48,000	109,000	103,000	49.8	5,127,000
Graham	2,000	2,000	58.5	117,000	82,500	79,500	42.1	3,343,000
Other Counties	32,000	31,500	66.8	2,105,000	743,500	712,500	48.1	34,300,000
Northwest	35,000	34,500	65.8	2,270,000	935,000	895,000	47.8	42,770,000
Wichita	29,000	28,500	60.2	1,715,000	129,000	125,500	39.6	4,970,000
Other Counties	41,000	40,500	49.0	1,985,000	986,000	945,500	36.0	34,030,000
West Central	70,000	69,000	53.6	3,700,000	1,115,000	1,071,000	36.4	39,000,000
Finney	57,500	52,000	55.4	2,880,000	134,500	127,500	18.4	2,345,000
Ford	24,500	22,000	48.0	1,055,000	168,500	160,000	36.3	5,810,000
Gray	42,500	39,000	55.1	2,150,000	97,500	93,000	24.4	2,270,000
Hodgeman	9,000	8,300	43.1	358,000	106,500	99,700	31.5	3,137,000
Meade	22,500	20,000	66.3	1,325,000	70,000	65,000	26.4	1,715,000
Morton	17,000	16,500	46.7	770,000	92,000	82,500	23.3	1,920,000
Seward	28,000	25,000	57.2	1,430,000	38,500	35,000	18.7	655,000
Stevens	36,500	35,000	55.9	1,955,000	57,500	55,000	17.8	980,000
Other Counties	127,500	123,200	60.2	7,417,000	560,000	521,300	25.1	13,098,000
Southwest	365,000	341,000	56.7	19,340,000	1,325,000	1,239,000	25.8	31,930,000
Edwards	19,500	17,500	61.7	1,080,000	94,500	90,500	39.9	3,610,000
Kingman	7,000	6,900	50.6	349,000	192,500	184,600	39.3	7,261,000
Kiowa	8,900	8,700	56.9	495,000	68,600	66,300	28.3	1,875,000
Pawnee	22,000	21,500	54.2	1,165,000	126,500	122,500	34.1	4,175,000
Other Counties	72,600	71,400	53.8	3,841,000	1,647,900	1,575,100	43.9	69,139,000
South Central	130,000	126,000	55.0	6,930,000	2,130,000	2,039,000	42.2	86,060,000
Other Districts	30,000	29,500	56.3	1,660,000	3,365,000	3,256,000	45.6	148,540,000
STATE	630,000	600,000	56.5	33,900,000	8,870,000	8,500,000	41.0	348,300,000

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